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19 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations with [REDACTED] C

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A [REDACTED] was introduced to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] request at 11:00 a.m. this date. After the introduction [REDACTED] left for another appointment. C A

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2. [REDACTED] stated that he had heard of several CIA reports on the subject of drugs and he [REDACTED] had been conducting a number of investigations along this line for some time. He would like to know whether or not the Agency has any appreciation of the importance of certain lines of drug research as it affects national security and outlined the lines which he thinks are most important as follows:

a. The use of drugs in connection with interrogations either by the Soviets or the U.S. (least important)

b. The use of drugs to influence the willpower of an individual. (secondary in importance)

c. The use of drugs to loosen tongues or cause normally discreet individuals to act with indiscretion without their knowledge (most important).

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3. [REDACTED] stated that if the Agency was concerned about these matters it was perhaps proper that thorough investigation be made and notice be sent out to U. S. individuals to protect them particularly against subparagraph c above.

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4. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that CIA is interested in any intelligence matter having a bearing on national security. This subject has been referred to the Agency a number of times as a matter worth looking into. We have noted, however, that for the most part the subject is covered by a number of extravagant claims which have no basis in actual research. While there is a great deal of research going on on the therapeutic affects of drugs the other applications which [REDACTED] mentioned seemed to have been relatively untouched. Should somebody have a research program in effect which gave promise of positive developments towards new uses of drugs we would certainly be interested in it.

A 5. [redacted] cautioned [redacted] that he should not interpret from these remarks that CIA would become actively engaged in such matters. Under the law under which we operate, CIA's job is to insure that all aspects of the national security are covered from an intelligence standpoint and if the research is being actively undertaken by a service department, we would merely want to follow it and make sure that it is in all respects adequate. Since [redacted] is working with the [redacted] in [redacted], we feel that we should tie in with that office in discussing these projects. Action has already been taken to establish contact with the [redacted] in connection with [redacted]'s project. (In the conversations with [redacted] on this date the matter of getting together with the [redacted] was given the highest priority and should be accomplished this week.) [redacted] advised [redacted] that when we had established the appropriate arrangements with the [redacted] we will get in touch with him probably through that Office. C

H-B/3 6. [redacted] mentioned difficulty in obtaining suitable subjects for experimentation. He is presently using [redacted] but recognizes the difficulties in maintaining adequate security with this procedure. He asked if there were some way we could arrange for him either to use prisoners in State Institutions or perhaps some other subjects. [redacted] advised [redacted] of the unclassified report in the "Journal Lancet" which describes the relationships Dr. [redacted] established with the [redacted]. C
[redacted] might like to look into the possibility of his establishing the same relationships with [redacted] officials. The legal aspects of this are described in Dr. Mathews report. B/3

C B/3 7. [redacted] described his travels [redacted] and his conversations with other people on this project. His notes on these conversations are in the [redacted] because they feel they should be kept in a three-combination safe. [redacted] agreed after his conversations with [redacted] he would have to be more careful in his contacts and under no circumstances would he mention any conversations with [redacted] to others. A

C B/3 8. [redacted] advised that he would be back in Washington this weekend and if we have completed our coordination with the [redacted] we might develop the matter further at that time.